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# Take Back the Night

## An evening to remember

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The university community took part in taking a stand against sexual assault with Take Back the Night, an event to increase awareness of domestic and sexual violence.

About 30 students, faculty, staff and community members met last Friday at sunset in the Pep Bowl on campus.

They met to share experiences and explore a crime where more than 60 percent of the cases go unreported, said Ellen Freeman-Wakefield, director of domestic violence/sexual assault at the Young Women's Christian Association in Omaha and adjunct professor in the School of Public Administration.

"In 2007, Omaha police department had 148 rape kits booked into evidence," Freeman-Wakefield said. "This is just a small sample of the number of sexual assaults that took place in our area."

The event was sponsored by the UNO Women's Resource Center as well as the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance with assistance from the Young Women's Christian Association.

"The women's resource center is a student-run agency, part of student government, that assists students by providing programming and resources," said Jennifer Piatt, director of the center. "In addition to events such as this one, we always provide free condoms, tampons, pads, a shoulder to cry on and organize other events such as car maintenance workshops and self-defense courses."

The event began with music by Tim Wildsmith and speakers that included Freeman-Wakefield; Angela Rose, executive director of Promoting Awareness and Victim

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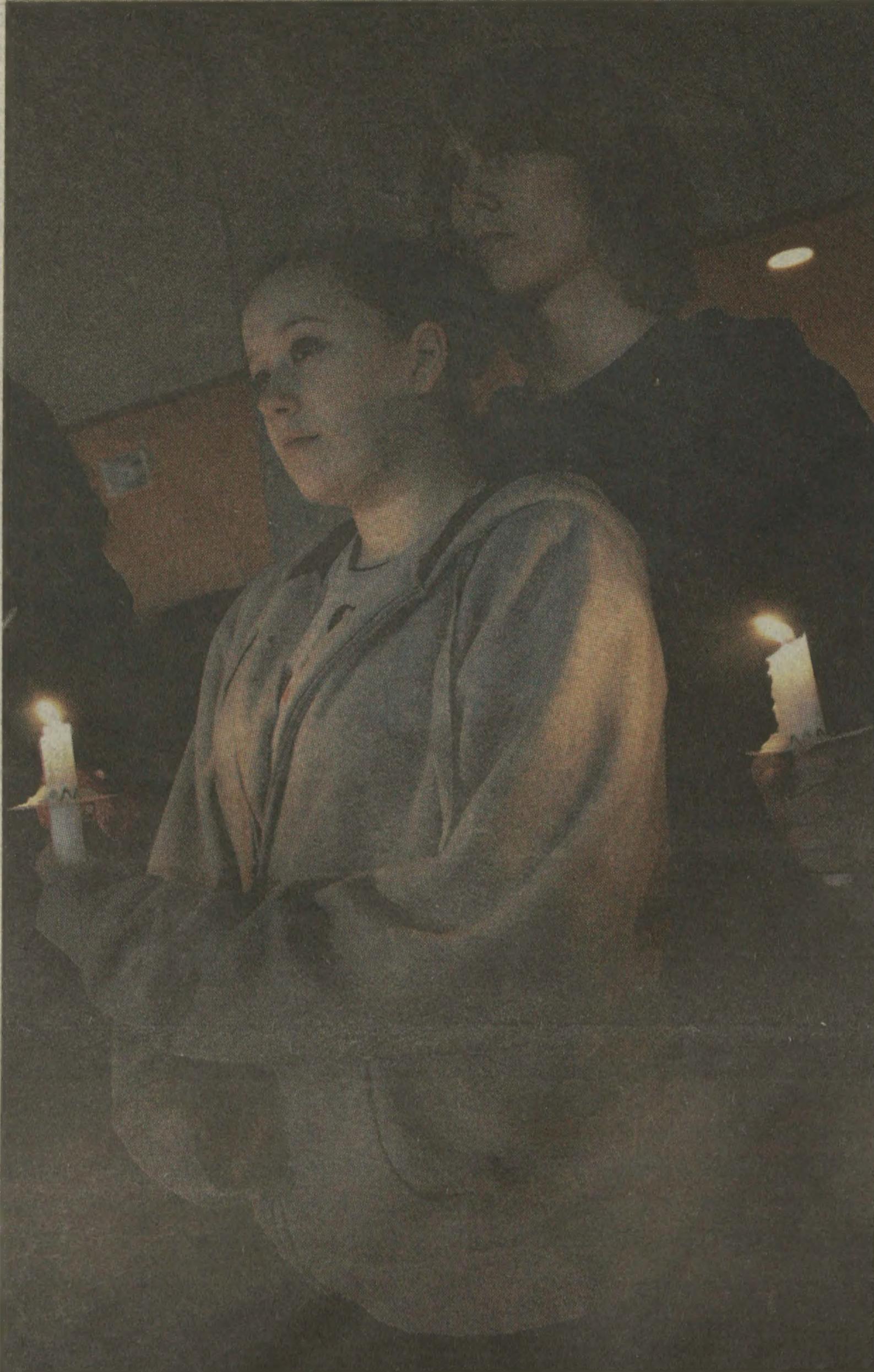


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Shane Parsons, right, and Marcia Wright listen to a speaker during the candlelight vigil at last Friday's Take Back the Night event.

## Jesus awareness week provides time for reflection

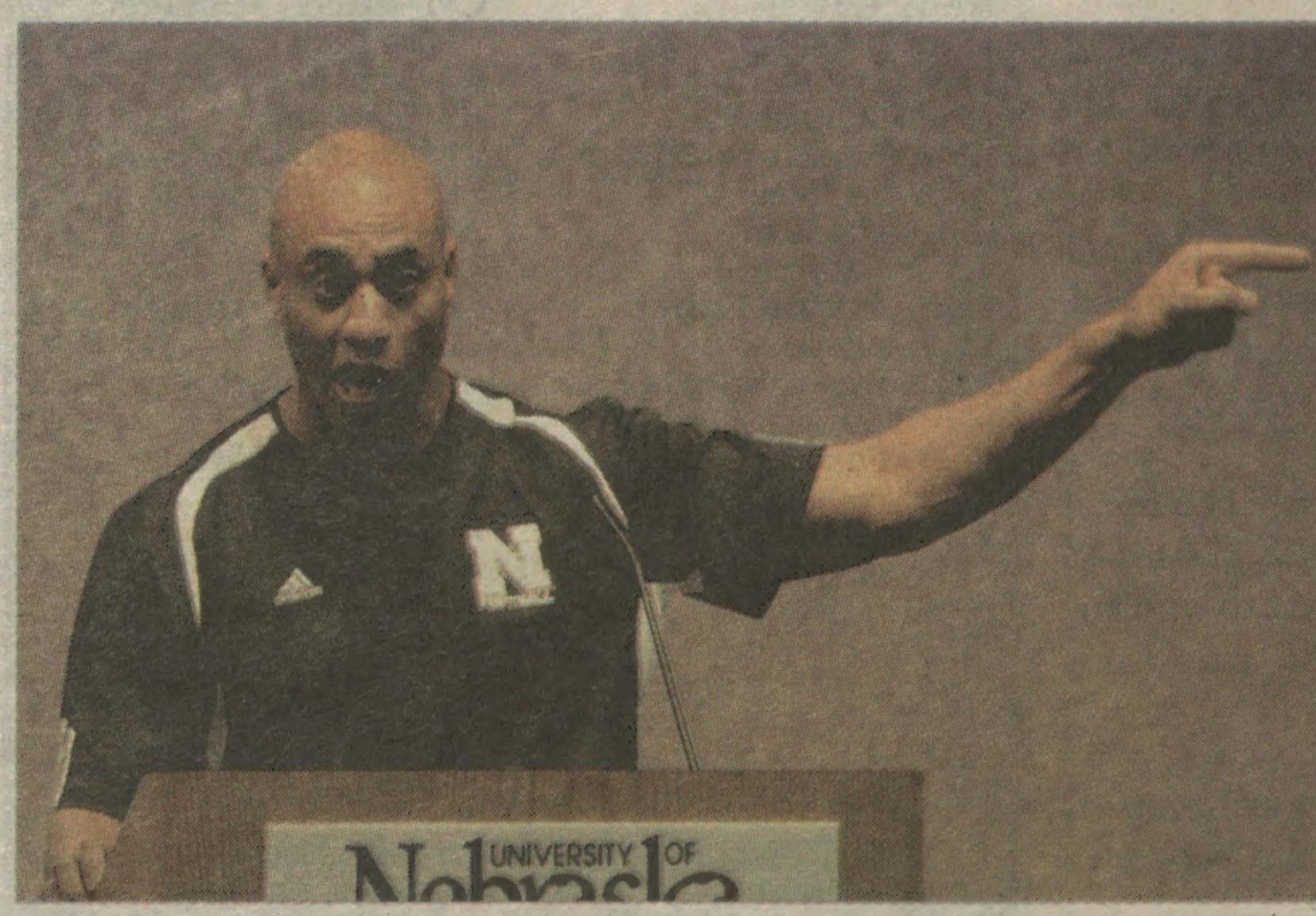
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Campus ministries joined forces with several other UNO religious organizations to hold Jesus Awareness Week from March 23 to March 29.

The Rock, Campus Crusade for Christ, 8:08 College Community, Greek Endeavor, Impact Movement and Fellowship of Christian Athletes hosted speakers, forums and worship gatherings throughout the week to raise awareness of Christianity on campus.

"We just walked the campus and prayed. We prayed together as individuals to see a spiritual change come about, to see this kind of involvement on campus happen," said Max Aldridge, a member of Campus Crusade. "Coming into this year, we decided this Jesus awareness move

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Former Husker assistance coach Ron Brown talked about his faith in both private and public forums during an event for Jesus Awareness Week, sponsored by several UNO Christian organizations.

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Review of UNO Art Gallery's bachelor of fine art exhibit.

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## New speaker elected Student Senate

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The Student Senate has a new speaker after Sen. Dayton Headlee was elected to the position. Former-speaker Nathan Edwards resigned amidst senators' complaints and a possible vote of no confidence.

Headlee said he hoped the senate would attend to business before adjourning for summer recess.

"I feel the organization is at a crossroads right now," Headlee said during the meeting. "[We have] got enough time left in our term to make some major progress on our campus."

Edwards stepped down due to being unable to devote the necessary amount of time. He also resigned from his College of Arts and Sciences senate seat at that time.

In other action:

- Sen. Holly Byers' campus smoking compromise was sent back for modifications. The resolution would designate several smoking areas and ban smoking elsewhere.

- Senators approved \$1,275.50 worth of give-aways, including pens, hand sanitizers and water bottles with the body's logo in an effort to increase the organization's visibility.

- A resolution concerning the number of unisex restrooms on campus was also passed, addressing gender equality and diversity issues.

- The yellow, dark cinderblock walls of Roskens Hall will be getting a facelift of sorts with \$2,000 worth of artwork. Co-sponsor Sen. Shari Tangeman said the artwork will brighten up more than just the current building.

"There is a new business college that is being built in

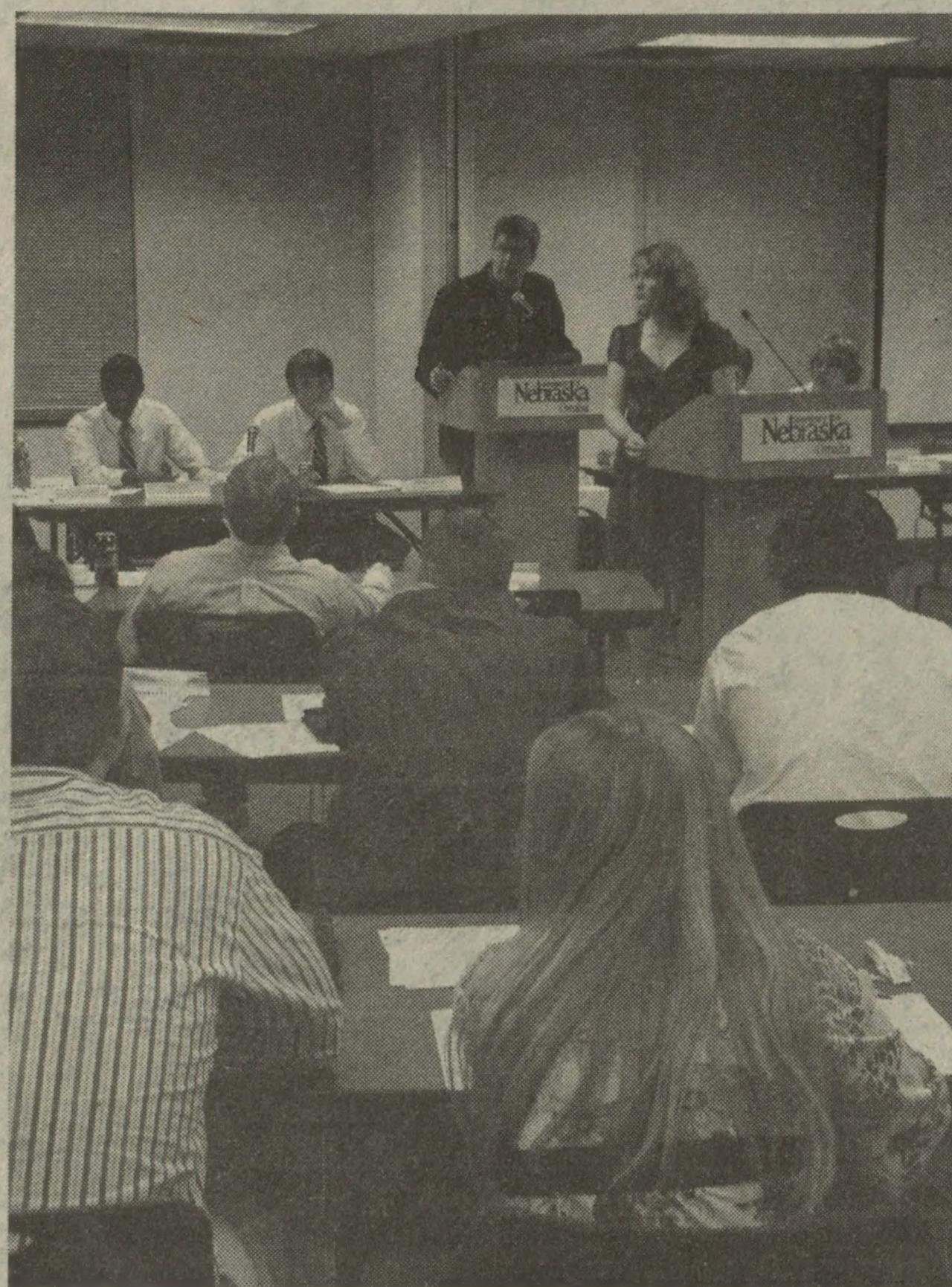


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*Speaker Dayton Headlee looks on as Sen. Holly Byers addresses the senate's questions regarding a smoking proposal.*

two years," Tangeman said during the meeting. "Our hope is to find pieces of artwork to incorporate into the new building."

The senate's final meeting of the semester will be Thursday, April 17, at 7 p.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center.

## Crime Log

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### Friday, March 21

**12:11 a.m.** While on patrol of Lot 10, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity and questioned a student regarding their conduct. During the process, a second student arrived and became disorderly. One student was referred for disciplinary action.

**2:32 a.m.** While on patrol, Campus Security responded to suspicious activity at University Village. Further investigation disclosed alcohol and controlled substance violations. Omaha Police were notified and responded. One student was cited by Omaha Police for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. Two students were cited for minor in possession.

### Saturday, March 22

**1:15 a.m.** Campus Security was dispatched to Lot 11 regarding a suspicious person. Further investigation disclosed an alcohol violation. Three students were referred for disciplinary action, and two visitors were removed from campus.

**2:19 a.m.** While on patrol of University Village, Campus Security investigated suspicious activity. Further investigation identified a controlled substance violation. Two students were referred for disciplinary action.

**4:39 a.m.** While on patrol of University Village, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity. Further investigation determined a visitor was driving under the influence. Omaha police were notified. Upon their arrival, the suspect was arrested for driving under the influence and transported to jail by Omaha Police.

### Monday, March 24

**10:45 a.m.** Staff member reported theft of personal property from Kayser Hall. Incident occurred between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., Friday, March 21.

**4:30 p.m.** Student reported theft of personal property from Durham Science Center. Incident occurred between 3:38 p.m., Wednesday, March 5, and 4:30 p.m., Monday, March 17.

### Thursday, March 27

**11:53 p.m.** While on patrol, Campus Security questioned one student and two visitors. Further investigation disclosed the minor student was in possession of alcohol. The alcohol was confiscated. The student was referred for disciplinary action.

### Friday, March 28

**1:58 a.m.** Campus Security received a complaint of loud music and a fight at University Village. Further investigation found no loud music and no fight, but identified an intoxicated student later identified in the 4:31 a.m. entry.

**2:50 a.m.** While on patrol, a student approached a Campus Security officer expressing concerns that his ex-girlfriend, also a student, was suicidal. Omaha Police had been notified. Contact was made with the student. The student was referred for counseling.

**4:31 a.m.** Campus Security dispatch was notified of a report of a man with a knife. Responding officers located the suspect at University Village. The student was referred to counseling and for disciplinary action.

### Monday, March 31

**3:20 p.m.** Student reported the theft of personal property from Arts and Sciences Hall. Incident occurred between 2 p.m. and 2:15 p.m.

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recently signed on as the 2008 tight ends coach.

"We thought Ron Brown would be a very influential speaker that would speak truth to the students that attended and just a very good person to have wrap up Jesus Awareness Week," said Malachi Behrens, a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

More than 120 students and community members attended the talk in the Milo Bail Student Center, where Brown shared his beliefs about the necessity of truth and grace in the Christian faith.

"I love to talk to college students about Christ. I just feel like it's the pinnacle of the spiritual warfare that is going on in this country, right here on the college campus. So, I feel like it's very important to get out and talk to college students about a relationship with Jesus Christ," Brown said.

Very vocal about his faith, both in his professional life and his private life, Brown has come up against much criticism, to the point of being called intolerant and unfriendly.

"I expect criticism. In fact, if I am not facing opposition or persecution as a result of my faith, I wonder if I am watering something down. If I pursue Jesus with everything I've got, it's going to run head-on with the forces of the world," Brown said.

Adam Trabold, a sophomore studio art's major, said he admired Brown's bluntness with college students.

"I think it takes a bold man to say what Ron Brown said. It was awesome to have someone to stand up and say that stuff to a large group of college kids," Trabold said. "I thought it was very biblically based and very truthful; a lot of stuff people needed to hear."

## Crime Brief: Knife reported, not found by UNO security

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A report was made on Friday morning to Campus Security regarding a man with believed to have a knife at University Village.

Upon arrival on the scene at 4:31 a.m., Campus Security located the suspect but did not find a knife, said Assistant Manager of Campus Security Paul Kosei.

The suspect had been previously contacted by Campus Security that morning around 2 a.m., after a complaint of loud music and fighting, neither of which was discovered. The suspect was intoxicated at that time, Kosei said.

The student was referred for counseling and disciplinary action after the knife incident, according to the Campus Crime Log.

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## Better to be 'Lucky' than 'Popular'

*Nada Surf's Ira Elliot talks about flirting with one-hit-wonder status en route to becoming a college radio main stay*

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They may not be as "Popular" as they were a decade ago, but time has been good to New York's indie-sensations, Nada Surf.

Hot off the heels of their fifth studio album, "Lucky," Nada Surf – made up of Matthew Caws, Daniel Lorca and Ira Elliot – returned to the metro Wednesday. The band last made an appearance in Omaha in support of their 2005 album, "The Weight is a Gift," which experienced modest success because of the college-radio hit "Always Love."

But the trio wasn't always mentioned in the same breath as bands like Death Cab for Cutie, Modest Mouse and Keane. In fact, when the band's first major single, "Popular," was released in 1996, its massive air play on Top-40 radio and MTV had them sharing the stage with Weezer and The Verve.

While they could have been relegated to one-hit-wonder status, especially after their second album didn't produce well enough to meet Elektra Records' standards, the band cut their losses and moved on.

"We wrestled with that for a long time. It was a major issue," explained Elliot, Nada Surf's drummer, in an interview with the *Gateway* before the band's performance. "It's pretty amazing we survived through all that. I think we're just tenacious – you know ... it's pretty stunning that we're able to continue on and have our music continue to be taken seriously and we're not just some joke band from the '90s."

The release of "Lucky" comes sixteen years after the band formed in 1992. As a result, many of the band's college-aged fans likely don't even remember when Nada Surf was, for lack of a better word, popular.

However, that hasn't stopped the band from earning a devoted fan base.



photo by Alicia J Rose

From left, Daniel Lorca, Ira Elliot and Matt Caws make up Nada Surf. Originally formed in 1992, the trio has recently experienced a renaissance of success over the last three years.

"I think that we sold like 9,000 records that first week which was a significant number," Elliot said about the success of "Lucky."

"The audiences seem to know all the words. ... I think we might have a really long year touring this record."

"Lucky" may seem like a hidden gem to those not familiar with the band, but it's truly a mark of Nada Surf's consistency. Featuring the hit "Whose Authority," and soon-to-be hits like "I Like What You Say," and "The Film Did Not Go Round," the album may be Nada Surf's (second) big break.

"We're proud of each record equally and each time we start a new one, it's like how are we going to beat that, how are we going to make it better?" Elliot said. "We fret about these things and then at some point you can't fret about it and you have to make the record based on whatever material you have and make it the best record you can make it be. And I think that's how we've been with all the records since 'Let Go' just kind of heads down and make every moment count."

With that kind of devil-may-care attitude, you'd think the band was college-aged themselves. Their touring schedule doesn't do much to discredit that thought either, especially after hob-knocking with other up-and-comers at this year's South by Southwest Festival in Austin.

But Elliot, 45, explained those types of festivals, while fun, are getting harder to take on.

"We lived to tell the story. I'm alive," he said with a laugh. "Austin is always kind of a madhouse, you know, you're always rushing around, there's not a lot of sound checking going on; you're flying by the seat of your pants."

Believe it or not, Omaha has actually been a regular destination for the band since their so-called comeback in 2003 with the album "Let Go."

However, this year the band moved from playing the Sokol Underground to the Waiting Room in Benson. And, if Elliot has his way, those types of venues are what the band will continue to play well into the future.

"There are still a lot of places we'd like to go – we've never been to Japan, there's a lot of places to travel as a band. Those are still goals," he explained. "The rooms are getting bigger every year and that's good, up to a point, but you always wonder, imagine – wow, what if we become like Coldplay, and we've become so popular a couple years down the line that we can only play stadiums. That doesn't seem bad, but it also doesn't sound very good."

Being together for so long, it's hard to fault the band for wanting to enjoy their current success. One can only hope that as the band continues to achieve its goals, whatever they may be, Nada Surf stays around for years to come.

"Lucky" for us, the fans, that doesn't seem like that should be much of a problem.

"We'll have to deal with the juggernaut of Nada Surf as we get bigger, but right now we're in a really good place," Elliot mused. "I think we can stay around in whatever plateau this is ... when you're playing a 1,000 [to] 2,000-seat room, that's pretty dreamy."

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# Arts and Leisure Events Calendar APRIL 2008

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**April 4** - Grand Buffet bring their satirical hip-hop act to the Slowdown. Tickets are \$8 and the rhymes start busting at 9 p.m.

**April 4** - Opera Omaha presents "Aida." The show runs until April 13 at the Orpheum Theater with two performances on Saturday and Sunday. Gallery ticket prices begin at \$15.

**April 4** - The Nicholas Street Art Gallery opens its "COSA" exhibition highlighting the collaboration between skateboarders and artists. The reception runs from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and admission is free.

**April 5** - The Waiting Room Lounge hosts Doug Stanhope. The comedian takes the stage at 9 p.m. and tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 the day of the show.

**April 6** - It's "Wii Bowling" night at the Waiting Room Lounge. Festivities start at 8 p.m. with no cover charge.



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**April 7** - Death-metal rockers Dead to Fall assault the Waiting Room at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

**April 7** - The Nebraska Brewing Company celebrates 75 years of freedom from prohibition. This all-day event will feature special draws at 1933, depression-era prices.

**April 8** - The Lied Center for the Arts at Creighton University hosts "The Empty Bowls Project." The event runs from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on April 8 and 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on April 19. Proceeds from the purchase of ceramic bowls and art prints will be donated to the Siena-Francis House of Omaha.

**April 9** - Omaha native Nick Allen hosts Comedy Night at The Waiting Room Lounge. The laughs begin at 9 p.m. and admission is \$5.

**April 10** - The Omaha Symphony performs its "New Music Symposium Concert" at the Strauss Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. General admission is \$10.

**April 11** - The Omaha Community Playhouse presents "Shakespeare in Hollywood." The play runs until May 4. Tickets are \$32 for adults and \$21 for students.

**April 11** - Victory Records recording artists The Audition bring their pop-punk music to the Waiting Room. Tickets for this 8 p.m. show are \$12.

**April 12** - Indie/pop band, Minus Story, plays the Slowdown at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$7.

**April 14** - Lincoln Financial Group and the *Omaha World-Herald* welcome the Alvin Ailey Dance Theater to the Orpheum. Ticket prices range from \$19 to \$45 for this 7:30 p.m. show.

**April 14** - Street Dogs will perform their Irish-

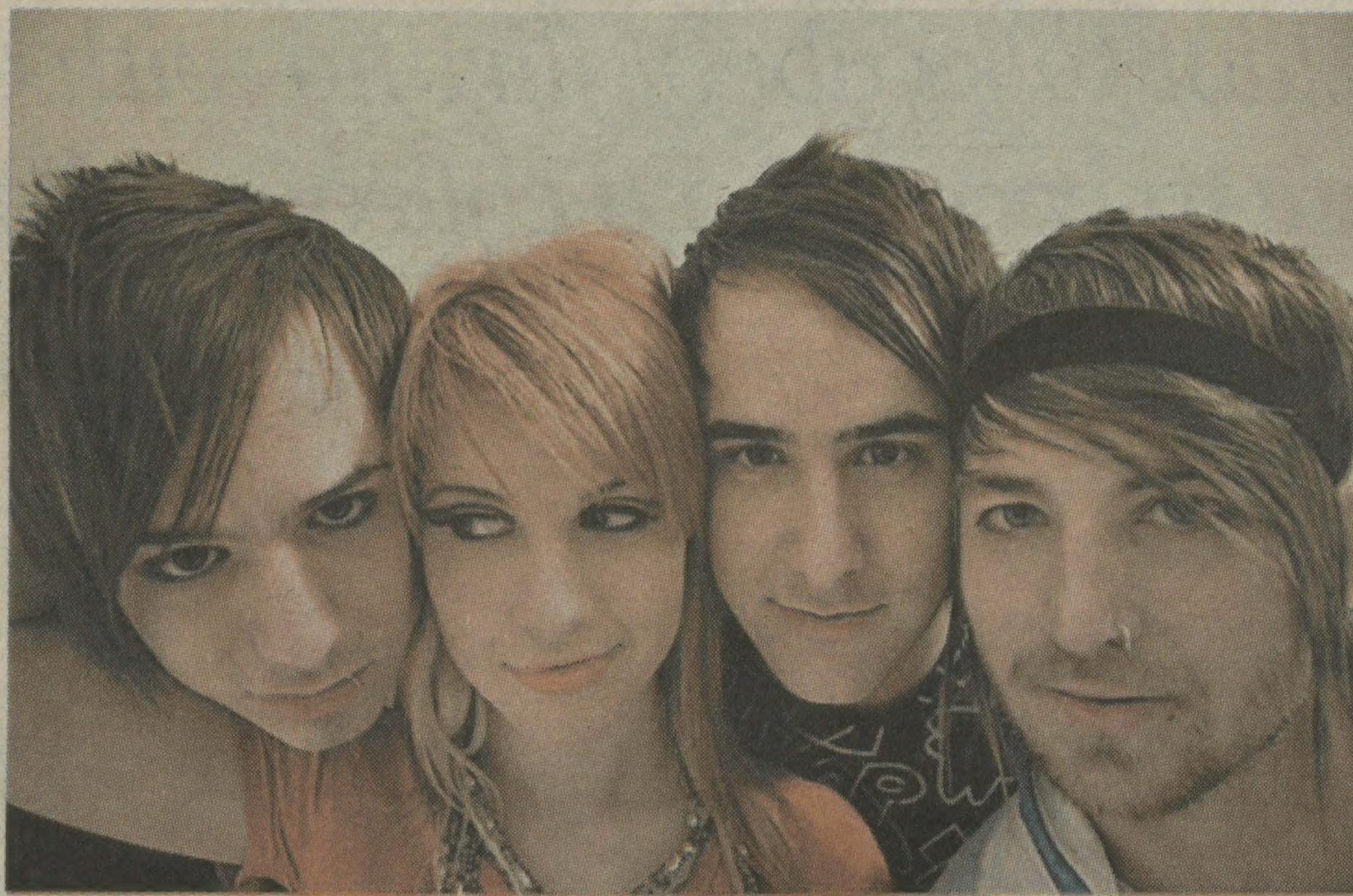


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influenced punk rock at the Sokol Underground. Tickets for this 7 p.m. show can be purchased for \$12 in advance or \$14 on the day of the show.

**April 15** - Pop-punk rockers MXPX play Sokol Underground. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. Advanced tickets are \$14 and available through either ticketmaster.com or huntindustries.com.

**April 16** - Jimmy Eat World and Paramore perform at the Mid-America Center. The show begins at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for \$30 at the MAC box office or online at midamericancenter.com or ticketmaster.com.

**April 16** - The Qwest Center hosts "Walking with the Dinosaurs 'The Live Experience'" at 7 p.m. Ticket prices begin at \$27.50 for the show which runs until April 20.

**April 17** - Classic rock band Lynyrd Skynyrd returns to the Mid-America Center. The start time is 7:30 p.m. and ticket prices range from \$35.75 to \$57.75.



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**April 19** - Comedian and television actor D.L. Hughley performs a one night show in the Slosburg Hall of the Orpheum Theatre. Tickets start at \$25 for this 7:30 p.m. show.

**April 20** - The Waiting Room holds its annual "4/20 Show." Acts performing include: Jamazz, El Genius, Surreal & AP, Last Word, David Taylor and DJ Shor-T. The hip-hop event begins at 9 p.m. with tickets \$7 at the door.

**April 22** - The Student Programming Organization presents hip-hop artist Tanya Morgan. The event is free and will be held in the Nebraska Room of the Milo Bail Student Center at noon.

**April 22** - Latin-rock legend Carlos Santana visits the Qwest Center at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the show are priced at \$38, \$58 and \$78.

**April 23** - Hip-hop musician Mac Lethal brings his "Rotten Apple Pie Tour" to the Waiting Room Lounge for a 9 p.m. show. Tickets are \$10.

**April 25** - Broadway Across America-Omaha and Omaha Performing Arts present the musical "Annie" at the Orpheum Theater. The show runs through April 27 with evening and afternoon shows on Saturday and Sunday. Ticket prices start at \$28.

**April 26** - Omaha goth/metal musicians, Back When, headline the Slowdown with opening acts The Show is the Rainbow, Noah's Ark was a Spaceship, and Ideal Cleaners. The show begins at 9 p.m. and tickets are \$7.

**April 27** - Spiritual musicians, Casting Crowns, bring their Christian-inspired music to the Mid-America Center for a 6 p.m. concert. Tickets for the event range from \$23 to \$75.

**April 27** - Canadian jazz vocalist Michael Bublé performs at the Qwest Center at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$51.50, \$67.00 and \$81.50.



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**April 29** - The Sokol Underground hosts Australian rockers, Sick Puppies. Tickets for this 7 p.m. show are \$12 in advance and \$14 on the day of the show.

**April 30** - The Sokol Underground presents another installment of the 89.7 The River's Concert series. Bands performing at this 8:00 p.m. event are Quarterburn, Slave One, Ten Dead and Failed. The concert costs \$5 to attend.

**April 30** - Tech N9ne headlines this all-ages show at the Pershing Center in Lincoln at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$28 on the day of show.



## Heads Up!

Check out the *Gateway's* April 11th issue for a story on Nebraska Brewing Company's celebration of the repeal of prohibition and the April 25th issue for a feature on Nebraska's home grown breweries.

# Sports

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# Take me out to the ball game

## Baseball team goes 3-1 in four-game series with Augustana

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The UNO baseball team churned out eight home runs and put together a 3-1 record against North Central Conference opponent Augustana in two double-headers over the weekend.

On Friday, UNO dominated Augustana 14-1 in the opener. The Mavericks got off to an early lead and put five runs on the board in the first inning, which included a two-run single from Evan Porter. The home team then poured on six more runs over the following two innings for an 11-0 lead.

A three-run home run by Mike Rector in the sixth inning capped off UNO's scoring and sealed the blowout win.

Chris Kessinger pitched six innings in the outing, allowed just three hits and struck out eight batters.

In the second game of the day, the

Mavericks controlled nearly throughout until a let down on defense in the final inning squelched a possible double-header sweep.

The Mavs again got off to an early lead, scoring four runs in the first inning. The Vikings fought back, and were within two after seven innings. UNO then came back and put four more runs on the board in their final two at-bats for an 8-2 lead heading into the bottom of the ninth.

Backed against the wall and facing a sweep, Augustana rallied to score seven runs in their last at-bat for the victory.

In the second day of the four-game series, UNO rallied behind hot bats and defeated Augustana in both games.

In the first game of the series, UNO once again came out firing and put 12 runs on the board in the first three innings. Mat Eikmeier delivered a two-run single and a three-run home run during this stretch, and the Mavs were up 12-4 after three.

UNO then put it in cruise control and scored three more runs in the fifth to seal a 15-4 win. Left-hander Tim Huber threw seven strong innings, allowing three earned runs and striking out 10.

The Mavericks echoed their efforts of the first three games by tallying several runs in the early innings of game four. Eikmeier hit his second three-run blast of the day to give the Mavs a 3-0 lead out of the gate. Augustana struck back with runs in the



photo by Michelle Bishop

Second baseman Bryan Frew fires to first after fielding the ball during Saturday's game against Augustana. The Mavs will host UND for games Saturday and Sunday.

second and third frames to make the score 3-2 through five.

UNO starter Taylor Weisbeck got in a jam in the bottom of the sixth and handed the ball to Brian Strawn with a 4-2 lead. Strawn came into the game and quickly shut down the Augustana threat on his way to his second save of the season. Strawn also knocked in two insurance runs on a seventh inning double to give the Mavericks a 6-2 victory in the series finale.

Eikmeier, who batted .833, drove in 10 runs and scored nine this weekend, was named NCC Player of the Week on Monday. This is the third straight week that a Maverick has won the award.

Herold was named the Nebraska Baseball Coach of the Year in between the two games of Saturday's double-header. He has twice been named the NCC Coach of the Year, in 2002 and 2005. Last year he guided the Mavericks to their first-ever North

Central Region Championship and a trip to the NCAA Division II Championship.

After the series, Herold expressed his satisfaction with his team's performance over the weekend. At least, as much satisfaction as a veteran coach can express.

"I was pleased with how we played," Herold said, "but we need to execute better and we need to move runners over and throw strikes if we want to get better. Right now, we are just trying to figure out who wants to play and win. We are moving in the right direction and we are just a few steps away from being a great team."

UNO's next series begins this Saturday against North Dakota. Despite the series with Augustana, the UND series will mark the official conference opener for both teams.

The Mavs will host the Fighting Sioux at Boys Town, starting at 1 p.m., before capping off the series with another double-header on Sunday, also beginning at 1 p.m.



photos by Michelle Bishop

Brian Strawn earned his second save of the season after the Mavs beat Augustana 6-2 on Saturday.

Left fielder Matt Meyer makes the catch during game two against Augustana on Saturday.

# Humbled UNO gets ready for Emporia State

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A key to success for any team is learning from mistakes. The UNO tennis team understands that concept.

After a 7-2 defeat March 29 at the hands of Washburn--a team that has had the Mavericks' number for the last five years--UNO Head Coach Bill Nichols never lost confidence during the dual and felt that a number of matches could have gone either way.

"I wouldn't fear them if we came against them again in a regional," Nichols said. "I know we would play much better."

Nichols, who is not one for making excuses, said that it was tough for his team to get going considering it was



photo by Michelle Bishop

Kelsey Haas returns a serve during her win over Missouri Western's Shelby Penno Saturday.

their first road game of the season and it followed the school's spring break.

But with their six-match winning streak snapped, Nichols saw the loss

as a stepping stone for his Mavs.

"One of our problems this year is that we weren't getting beat," Nichols said. "You tend to learn and grow more if you lose."

The following day, a more humble and refocused UNO squad was back in the friendly confines of the Brandeis Tennis Center in Hanscom Park to take on Missouri Western.

The Mavericks swept the first eight matches, which included a 7-5, 6-2 win by UNO's Kelsey Haas over Shelby Penno and a 6-0, 6-0 wallop of Amber Adams by Maverick senior Sara Bredfeldt in the

final two singles matches.

Nichols said his team was more focused in their 8-1 victory and seemed ready to get back to their winning ways.

Just around the corner, another tough road test awaits the Mavs, now 7-1. UNO will head back to Kansas to take on Emporia State, ranked No. 24 according to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Top 40 rankings.

"I think that will be a good test for us in seeing what transpires there," Nichols said. "That match will be a good indication to see what will happen with the rest of the season. If we go out and play the same way we did against Washburn, the season will not look promising."

The first serve is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday at Milton Courts in Emporia, Kan.

# UNO sweeps Mankato, falls short in weekend tournament

SEAN OWENS  
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The UNO softball team brought their A-game last Friday at home against Minnesota State, Mankato.

In the highly anticipated conference clash between the Top 2 powerhouses of the North Central Conference, UNO showed Mankato who really wanted the final NCC crown. The home Mavericks put up a two-game sweep against MSU by scores of 3-2 and 3-0.

The first game saw UNO battle the Mavericks of Mankato in a tight rope finish. After falling behind 2-0, UNO battled back in the sixth inning to tie the game at two when Mankato pitcher Megan Teal walked in a pair of runs.

The 3-2 victory was clinched by UNO in the eighth with a Leslie Svoboda double that drove in her senior sidekick Alison Jergenson.

Svoboda, UNO's newly-named all-time RBI leader, knows the importance of conference games in the regular season.

"Last year, they swept us in the regular season conference double-header," Svoboda said. "We wanted to pay them back for that. They are one of the biggest teams in our conference, so it's always big to beat them."

In the second game of the double-header, UNO found itself in a pitchers' duel. UNO pitcher Beth Haley and MSU pitcher Samantha Rohr worked

masterfully on a combined seven-hitter, and the game was scoreless through six innings of play.

In the sixth inning, a sacrifice fly by UNO senior Jennifer McDowell broke the scoreless drought and put UNO up 1-0. The rain then poured for Mankato as UNO sophomore Treightin Yates hit a two-run blast into the right field horizon. The late game two-run shot was enough to break the spirits of Mankato and gave UNO the 3-0 win and the sweep.

"We were very happy with those two wins," said Head Coach Jeanne Scarpello. "To walk away sweeping them is not an easy thing to do, so we were definitely happy about that."

The Mavericks took the double-header sweep into the UNO Classic the

following day, where they hosted a number of tough opponents. The Mavs opened up the tournament with wins over Pittsburgh State, 4-2, and Truman State, 2-1. The only loss on Saturday was to Washburn College, 8-4.

The following day, UNO faced Southwest Minnesota State and Missouri Western. The momentum from the previous two days weren't enough for the Mavs as they dropped both games on Sunday to end the tournament.

The first game against Southwest Minnesota

State may have been enough to take the spirits out of the team, as they lost 8-2 in the morning contest.

"The result was definitely not what we wanted or expected from ourselves," Scarpello said. "We could have played better. We beat ourselves and I think we know that. I give a lot of credit to the other teams; they really hit the ball, but we just didn't play well."

The final game of the weekend, against Missouri Western, was a déjà-vu-like experience for the Mavericks. A sixth inning of nonchalant play led to three runs for the visiting Griffons, which put the Mavs away by a score of 6-3.

"They were all big games for us; the competition was tough," said freshman pitcher Ashley Lynch. "We had a lot of errors, though, and gave some games away. We definitely beat ourselves, and we know every game we play from here on out is a game we need to win."

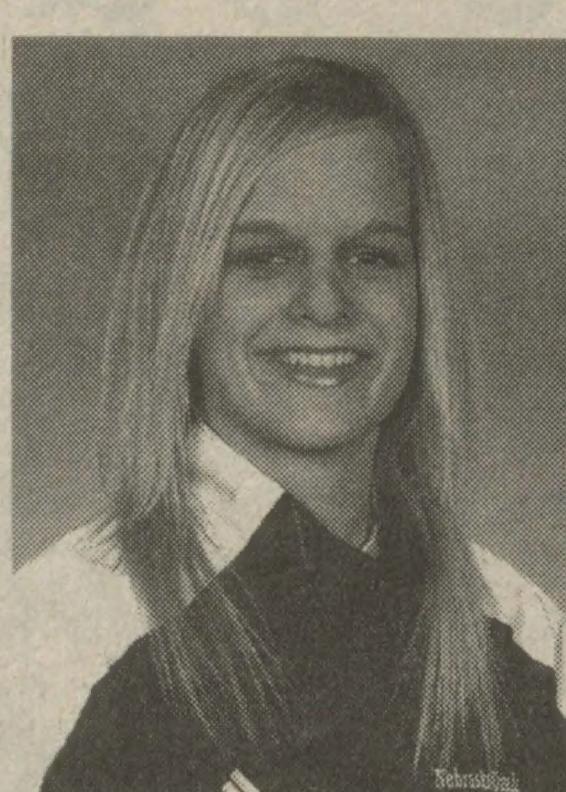
On Wednesday, the Mavericks moved to 24-6 overall after a non-conference double-header sweep over South Dakota. UNO rode six innings of shutout work from Haley en route to a 5-0 win in game one and clipped the Coyotes in extra innings for a 7-6 victory in game two.

The Mavs will engage in a double-header rematch with Missouri Western on Friday before playing two against North Dakota on Saturday.

All games will be played at UNO's Claussen-Westgate field, with Friday's double-header starting at 2 p.m. and Saturday's starting at noon.



Beth Haley



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 W - Haley, 9-2; L - Jones, 1-5

**Game 2 - 4 p.m., 7-6 UNO**  
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 UNO 104 000 011 - 7 14 2  
 W - Fligg, 6-2; L - Donohue, 2-4.

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# Cinderellas fall, powerhouses remain

## Four No. 1 seeds prepare to battle it out in San Antonio

COMMENTARY BY JASON SIBSON  
SPORTS EDITOR

It finally happened. That guy or girl in your NCAA March Madness pool that hasn't watched a college basketball game all year—the one who never picks underdogs—is actually going to win it this year. For the first time in NCAA tournament history, all four regional No. 1s advanced to the Final Four.



Saturday, April 5, 8:47 p.m. ET

UNC vs. Kansas

Get your TiVos ready, this could be a classic. Not because it's Roy Williams against his former team. Not because it's the first time in the Final Four for either of these historic programs since North Carolina's championship run in 2005.

This one is DVR-worthy because it pits this year's inevitable Player of the Year, UNC's Tyler Hansbrough, against one of the sharpest and most stifling defenses I've ever seen.

Hansbrough has shown this postseason, and in particular Saturday against Louisville, that—this year—his confidence level has reached its peak at the right time.

For the Jayhawks, a lack of urgency and intensity led to a nail-biter that nearly cost them a trip to San Antonio. If they play defense as lackadaisically as they did for the first 30 minutes Sunday against Davidson, they might as well not show up against the nation's second-highest scoring offense.

The play of KU junior guard Brandon Rush should decide this game. Rush is a lock-down defender and a silky smooth outside shooter who is averaging just over 13 points per game in the tournament.

Rush is capable of taking over a game, like when he scored a career-high 28 against Texas A&M in the third-round of last month's Big XII tournament. He is also capable of delivering a dud, like Sunday's 4 for 14 performance against the underdog Wildcats.

Against UNC, I foresee something closer to the latter.

**Prediction:**

North Carolina 77, Kansas 71

KANSAS



Davidson made a thrilling run as a 10-seed, but came up one Stephen Curry miracle short.

Texas was thought to have the best chance to take down a 1-seed in an Elite 8 game, but John Calipari's Memphis Tigers merely brushed the Big XII Tournament champs aside on their way to San Antonio.



Monday, April 7, 8:21 p.m. ET

I dare someone to find me a National Championship game in recent memory jam-packed with more talent than this one will have. Hansbrough, Rose, Ty Lawson, Chris Douglas-Roberts, Wayne Ellington, Robert Dozier. I'd take that lineup as 10-point favorites over any other six players in college basketball.

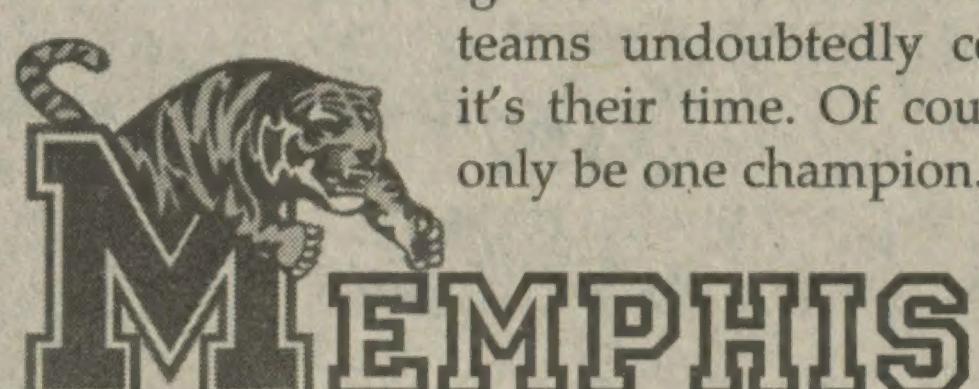
Speed versus speed; depth versus depth; Goliath versus Goliath. If you find yourself somewhere besides your couch or a bar when this game tips-off, proceed with feelings of inferiority and self-shame.

In a back-and-forth affair, determination and speed will ultimately give way to athleticism, length ... and more speed.

**Prediction:**

In overtime, Memphis 91, UNC 84

UNC



Saturday, April 5, 6:07 p.m. ET

Memphis v. UCLA

Prior to Sunday's Memphis-Texas game, I was convinced that Longhorn Player of the Year candidate D.J. Augustin was the best point guard in the country. Wow, was I wrong.

Derrick Rose is a phenomenon, one of four or five on the Memphis roster. Conference USA competition and a loss to then-No. 2 Tennessee in February has deflated the fact that the Tigers have played nearly flawless basketball all season and have embarrassed strong competition—Michigan State and UT—in the last two rounds.

UCLA relies on their signature defense and the inevitable match-up problem provided by freshman forward Kevin Love. Love has averaged 21.8 points per game in four tournament games this year and has shown unmistakable poise beyond his years. Combine that with a defense that has allowed just 53 points per game in the tournament and you have yourself a serious national championship contender.

Still, the Bruins are yet to face a team as athletic as the Memphis Tigers. Memo to UCLA Head Coach Ben Howland: buckle up.

True, Memphis hasn't seen competition from the ACC, Big XII or the Pac-10 since December. Unfortunately for those conferences, the break is over.

**Prediction:**

Memphis 75, UCLA 60



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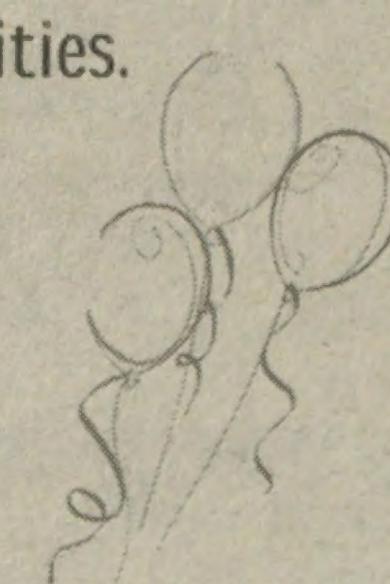


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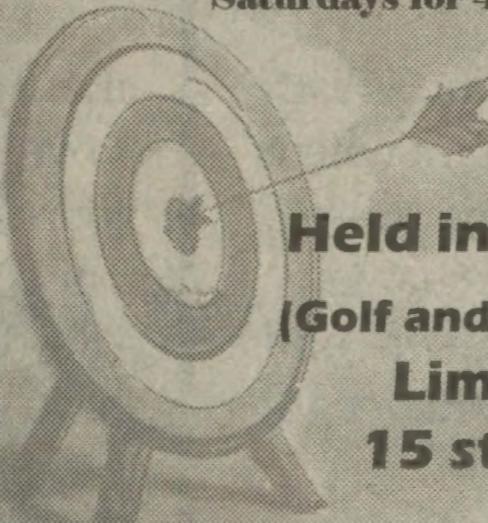
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